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## for the year 1890-91.

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Province of Quebec
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EMILE BUREAU.
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VESEY BOSWELL.

# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

# QUEBEC GUN CLUB

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1.—The name of the club shall be the "Quebec Gun Club".

2.—This association shall be composed of active members only.

It is constituted for the purpose of encouraging the legitimate practice of shooting, and especially to protect game by doing everything possible towards the carrying out of the Game Laws.

3.—The officers of the Club shall be: a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Field Captain and a Museum Curator, who, with five other members, form the managing committee.

The quorum at committee meetings shall be of five members.

4.—The officers shall be elected at the General Meeting, on the first Monday in February and shall hold office for one year.

Any officer can be re-elected.

Two other general meetings shall take place on the first Monday in June and October. Seven members form a quorum.

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5.—No proposition, either to change, amend, suspend or annul one or more of the articles of this constitution, shall be taken into consideration without a previous notice of motion being given at a General Meeting of the Club. It is further provided that Article I, of this constitution shall not be changed without the unanimous consent of the members.

6.—Assessments may be made quarterly, but in no one quarter to exceed one Dollar. The assessment to be recommended by a majority of the Board of Directors.

## RULES OF ORDER

1.—The minutes of the last meeting shall be read, acted upon, and signed.

2.—Reports of Board of Directors.

3.—Applications and election of members.

4.—Reports of Committee.

5.—Communications.

6.—Unfinished Business.

7.—New Business.

8.—General remarks and miscellaneous discussions appertaining to the interests of the Club.

9.—Adjournment.

# BY-LAWS

OF THE

# "QUEBEC GUN CLUB"

1.—Candidates for membership shall be proposed by an application in writing at a meeting of the Board of Directors, accompanied by the amount of the annual subscription (which shall be refunded in case of non-admission), and at the next subsequent meeting of the said Board, their election shall be proceeded with. One black ball in four shall exclude.

2.—No active member can join any other club in Quebec, except as an honorary member.

3.—Active members shall pay an annual subscription of $2.00 (two dollars), payable on or before the first of February.

No active member can vote or take part in the proceedings of the General Annual Meeting or will be allowed to shoot on the Club Grounds unless his subscription or any other debt due by him to the Club has been paid.

At the General Meeting of June, any member who has not paid his subscription or any debt due by him to the Club shall be struck off the list of members, after due notice of the same having been given to him.

4.—The managing Committee has the right to suspend (*pro tempore*) any member whose conduct shall have been contrary to the regulations of the Club; but, the said Committee must report the case without delay to the next General Meeting for settlement.

5.— If possible, an annual competition shall be held ; the date and place to be fixed at a Geueral Meeting.

6.—The President, upon a request signed by at least seven Active Members, shall call a meeting.

7.—The Managing Committee alone has the right to issue or accept a challenge, and the Field Captain is to choose the members who are to compose the shooting party; nevertheless, this choice has to be ratified by the Committee above named.

8.—Any member who practices or who takes part in a match, is to conform with the conditions of the shoot and obey the orders of the Field Captain.

9.—The Club has a Museum which is placed under the care of the Curator. In the event of this Museum being abandoned, those articles that have occasioned no expense to the Club shall be returned to the persons who furnished them, otherwise the articles of the Museum will remain the property of the Club and be disposed of as thought proper.

10.—Any gift made to the Club shall be received by the President or Secretary, and report tbereof shall be made to the next General Meeting by the Managing Committee.

11.—The President takes the chair at all General Meetings and at those of the Managing Committee. In his absence he is replaced by one of the Vice-Presidents and if neither of these be present, the meeting appoints a President *pro-tempore.*

The President or his substitute maintains order and sees that the rules of the club are observed.

He has a right to vote at every meeting and on an equality of votes he is to have the casting vote.

12.—The Secretary is the depositary of the Club's archives ; he keeps a record of the minutes of the Managing Committee meetings and of General Meetings. The correspondence is entrusted to him, under the direction of the Managing Committee ; he keeps a list of the members, and notifies them, in writing, when a meeting is to take place.

In the absence of the Secretary the Treasurer will replace him and *vice-versa.*

13.—The Treasurer collects the contributions of members, as well as any other receipts ; he keeps the cash of the Club and pays all expenses authorized by the Managing Committee.

This officer is to submit to the said Committee, when requested to do so, a statement of receipts and expenses. A financial statement (in detail) is to be presented by him at the General Meeting in February.

14.—The Captain has the care of the traps, and it is his duty to see that proper targets are provided for the practices or the competitions of the Club.

He receives the monies arising from these practices or competitions and hands the same to the Treasurer without delay.

The Captain takes his instructions from the Managing Committee, and he is to put strictly in force the shooting regulations.

He keeps a record of the results of practices and competitions, which record is to be given to the Trea-

surer, as soon as possible, to be deposited in the archives of the Club.

In his absence his field duties will be assumed by any member of the committee present on the grounds.

15.—Saturday will be the day for regular practices ; but two or more members can practice at any other desired time by obtaining the consent of the Captain, that officer taking a receipt for the traps thus lent.

16.—Any member breaking or damaging any property of the Club shall have the same repaired at his own expense, or pay the value thereof, under penalty of expulsion.

17.—There shall be quarterly Club shootings, at which every member in good standing can participate, the number of birds to be fixed by the Committee. These shootings shall take place on the second Saturday in March, June, September, and December.

18.—Scarlet ribbon with gilt letters Q. G. C. shall be the badge of the Clnb.

19.—Every question of general interest not specially provided for by the by-laws shall be decided by the Committee.

20.—The shooting shall be under the rules of the Dominion Gun Alliance

21.—No motion, either to change, amend, suspend, or annul one or more of the articles of these By-Laws shall be taken into consideration before a notice of motion has been given at a General Meeting, except when the Managing Committee declares urgency.

# LIST OF MEMBERS

# QUEBEC GUN CLUB

## 1890-91

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Angers, C. Panet.
Anderson, Jas. H.
Auger, A. J.

Bender, Fred.
Bertrand, P.
Boswell, James.
Boswell, Vesey,
Bureau, Emile.

Chinic, Eugène.
Couture, Dr. J. Alphonse D. V. S.

Dayet, M. J.
Déguise, Charles.
Delagrave, Major Henri.
Demers, A. G.
Dunn, Charles.
Duquet, Cyrille.

Fraser, W. J.
Frémont, G. Jos. T. Mayor of Quebec.

Garneau, Capt. E. B.
Garneau, Capt. J. Geo.
Genest, E. W.
Gilmour, Capt. J. D.
Gregory, J. U.

Hale, E. J.
Hamel, Theo.
Hethrington, Capt. T. S.

Ievers, Dr. Henry.
Imlah, Capt. Wm.

Joly de Lotbinière, Edmond.

Kane, Capt. Robert.

Lawrence, Geo.
Lessard, Capt. F. L.

Machin H. T.
MacPherson W. M.
Methot, E. W.
Montizambert, Lt. Col. C. E.
Montizambert, Capt. E.

Panet, Antoine de Lotbinière.
Parke, Dr.
Pelletier, Capt. O. C.
Pelletier, Henry.
Pentland, Major C. A.
Pennée, Frank.
Pinault, Capt. L. F.
Prévost, Major O.

Richardson, O. B. C.
Russell, Willis. Capt.

Sewell, Dr. Colin.
Sewell, Hy. Hope.
Sharples, H. H.
Sharples, Archibald.
Stein, L.

Taché, J. de LaBroquerie.
Taschereau, Edmond.
Turnbull, Lt. Col. J. F.

White, Capt. George. R.

# RULES FOR INANIMATE FLYING TARGETS.

ARTICLE I

*Referee and Judges.*

**Decision of Judges.**—Before the commencement of any match two impartial Judges shall be selected by a majority vote of the contestants, and these two shall select a Referee. The Judges shall, if possible, decide all questions arising during the match. They shall decide by agreeing within five minutes, or it shall be considered to be a disagreement, and thereupon the Referee shall act.

**Decision of Referee.**—The Referee shall act only in case of a disagreement of the Judges, and his decision shall be absolutely final. No persons shall make any remarks calculated to influence the Judges or Referee while the shot is under decision.

**Exclusive duties of Referee.**—The Referee shall have exclusively the following duties:

He shall see that the traps are properly set before and kept in proper setting during the match. He shall endeavor to make the birds conform to the flight and direction indicated in Article III. of these Rules.

He shall test any trap upon application of a shooter, at any time, by throwing a trial bird therefrom.

He shall select one cartridge from those of the shooter at the score, and publicly test the same for proper loading.

If a bird thrown is to be declared "no bird," he shall declare it such before the shot is taken, if possible ; even if so declared, it shall be scored if accepted, whether hit or missed.

He shall see that each shooter, before shooting, is provided with the cards specified herein, and has complied with all the rules which qualify him to shoot.

He shall see that no person whatever shall stand, while the shooter is at the score, within a radius of fifteen feet from the score, the puller, scorer, Judges or Referee.

He shall see that no challenges are allowed except made by contesting shooters.

He may, in his discretion, refuse to permit a shooter to continue shooting in a round, who has not come to the score within three minutes after being called thereto by the scorer

*Dropping Shots.*

If the referee is satisfied that the shooter by any means whatever misses a bird purposely, he shall rule the shooter out of that match, and a majority of the Executive Committee can suspend the shooter from taking part in any matches of the Alliance for the period of one year.

ARTICLE II.

*The Score and Scoring.*

**Order of Shooting.**—In individual sweepstakes or matches shooters shall be called to the score in the order as successively entered and shall shoot at the number of targets corresponding to the number of traps used, and when all have done likewise, will duly repeat the same until the score is finished.

When the number of birds combines "so many singles" and "so many doubles,' the shooters shall first finish the "singles" as per the foregoing rule, and shall then finish the "doubles" in like manner, viz., each shooter firing at 5 pair doubles, and then retiring, etc., etc.

**Use of Second Barrel.**—Where special matches are arranged, allowing the use of both barrels at single birds, a kill or break with the second barrel shall be scored one half. 1/2

**Scoring Incorrect Handicap.**—No member is to shoot at a distance nearer than that at which he is handicapped. If he does so, the first time the shot shall be scored "no bird;" the second time it shall be scored a "lost bird;" and the third time he shall forfeit all rights in the contest, and be barred from all other contests during the same meeting, and be subject to such additional fines and penalties as the Constitution and By-laws may provide.

**Closing of Entries.**—All entries shall close at the firing of the first gun. In large international or interprovincial tournaments, all entries for the first match each day shall be made before 6 p. m. of the day preceding the shoot, by depositing 10 per cent of the

entrance fee, which shall be forfeited to the management if the entry is not completed, before the firing of the first gun.

**Class Shooting.**—All sweepstakes shall be Class Shooting unless otherwise specified.

**Names Claimed.**—The Secretary shall keep a book in which he shall record the names of all members who desire to shoot under an assumed name, and record the name assumed by each. No two members shall shoot under the same assumed name. The Secretary may, at the request of a member, issue the Handicap Card to him, bearing his assumed title only.

**Score With Ink Only.**—All scoring shall be done with ink or indelible pencil. The scoring of a "lost" bird shall be indicated by a "O;" of a "dead" or "broken" bird by a "I."

*Traps.*

All matches shall be shot from either three or five traps, and the traps shall be so adjusted that the elevation of the target in its flight at a distance of ten yards from the trap shall not be more than ten feet nor less than four feet from a level line from the bottom of the trap.

In using three traps number one trap shall be set to throw a right quartering bird. Number two trap to throw a straight away bird. And number three trap to throw a left quartering bird. The angles of traps one and three to cross inside of twenty-one feet from number two trap.

In using five traps, number one shall be set to throw a right quartering bird; number two a left quartering

bird; number three a straight away; number four a right quartering, and number five trap a left quartering bird. Angles of traps number one and number five to cross inside of seven yards in front of number three trap. If, after such setting of the traps. the birds for any reason take other directions they shall be considered fair birds.

*Pulling Traps.*

The traps shall be pulled as per figures on the "Indicator" which the shooter shall revolve as he goes to the score. The puller and Indicator shall be at least six feet behind the shooter, and when the word "pull" is called the puller shall pull the trap promptly corresponding to the number on the Indicator. If the shooter fails to shoot when the trap is properly pulled it must be scored a lost bird.

**Screens.**—No screens or netting shall be used; "back stops" may be provided for trappers, not to exceed ten yards from the end traps, and not to exceed three feet in height.

But, where the grounds permit, a trench may be dug to shield the trapper, without obstructing the view of the traps from the shooter.

*Double Birds.*

In shooting at doubles they shall be thrown from a trap that throws a left quartering bird, and a trap five yards to its right that throws a straight away bird.

**Ties and Traps for Ties.**—Ties on single birds shall be thrown from full numbers of traps used in match.

**Position of Gun.**—After the shooter steps to the score the butt of the gun stock shall be held below tho arm-pit until he call "pull," otherwise, if challenged, the shot shall be declared a "lost bird," whether hit or missed.

**Loading of Gun.**—Charge of powder unlimited; charge of shot not to exceed 1¼ oz., Dixon's standard measure, No. 1106, or 1107 "dipped" measure. Any shooter using a larger quantity of shot shall forfeit all entrance money and rights in the match, and shall be subject to further action by the management. No guns larger than 10-bore shall be allowed.

ARTICLE V.

**Broken Birds.**—No target shall be retrieved to be examined for shot marks. A target to be scored broken must be broken so as to be plainly seen in the air; that is, a piece must be clearly and perceptibly broken from it in the air by the shot before it touches the ground.

**Lost Birds.**—All Targets not broken in the air as above defined, and not ruled as "no birds," shall be scored lost.

When shooting at single targets one barrel only shall be loaded; should more than one barrel be loaded the shot shall be scored lost.

**"No Birds."**—If a target be broken by the trap, it shall be optional with the shooter to accept it; if he accepts the result shall be scored.

**Allowing Another Bird.**—The shooter shall be allowed another target under either of the following contingencies:

In single bird shooting, if two or more are sprung instead of one.

If the target is sprung before or at any noticeable interval after the shooter calls "pull."

If the target does not fly 25 yards from its trap, passing over a line (imaginary), at a distance of ten yards from the traps, and four feet high at the latter distance. The spirit of this rule is to this effect; that the bird shall attain an elevation of no less than four feet within ten yards from the trap and not over ten feet.

If the shooter's gun, being properly loaded and cocked does not go off through any cause whatever, except through the fault of the shooter.

If a target is thrown so that to shoot in proper time it would endanger life or property.

But if the shooter, in either of the foregoing contingencies, fires at the target, he is to be deemed as accepting it, and the shot must be scored according to its result.

Double Birds.—In case one may be a fair bird and the other an imperfect or no bird, the shooter shall shoot at a new pair; both birds must be sprung at once, otherwise they shall be "no birds."

If a shooter fires both barrels at one bird in succession, they shall be scored lost.

In double-bird shooting, in case of misfire of either barrel, through no fault of the shooter, he shall shoot at another pair.

ARTICLE VI.

*Rises and Ties.*

The rise, in championship matches and in sweepstakes, where no handicap has been recorded, shall be eighteen yards in single, and fifteen yards for double bird shooting. When ties are shot off, the rise shall be increased two yards until the limit of the handicap is reached. See handicap rules.

**Guns.**—No gun larger than a 10-bore shall be used.

**Ties on Doubles.**—Ties on doubles shall be shot at two pair.

**Time of Shooting Ties.**—All ties shall be shot off on the same grounds, immediately after the match, if they can be concluded before sunset. If they cannot, they shall be concluded on the following day, unless otherwise directed by the Judges This, however shall not prevent the ties from dividing the prizes by agreement. Should one refuse to divide, then the tie must be shot off. Any one of the persons tieing being absent thirty minutes after the time agreed upon to shoot them off, without permission of the judges, shall forfeit his right to shoot in the tie.

**Extreme Limit Tie.**—When a shooter is to shoot off a tie, who has previously thereto been handicapped to the extreme limit, he and his opponents shall shoot in the tie at the same distance they each occupied when it occurred.

ARTICLE VII,

*Team Shooting.*

**What Constitutes a Club.**—The only club

which will be recognized by the Alliance for the purpose of contests, is a club which has been duly organized with the usual officers, and a bona fide membership of permanent standing, which maintains its organization by stated meetings and pratical work. No clubs can be extemporized and admitted solely for the purpose of shooting in contests.

**Age of Clubs and Members.**—Clubs entering teams must be known as regularly organized gun clubs at least one month previous to the tournament; members of entered teams must be in good standing the same length of time. Shooters belonging to two or more clubs must shoot in championship or team matches with one club only during any one year and cannot enter as a member of a team in any other club during that year (commencing Jan. 1st,) in any championship or team match held under the rules of this Alliance. (See memo.)

**Order of Shooting.**—The teams, in team shoots, will be called to the "score" in the order designated by the Executive Committee; said order will be determined by the dates of original entry, teams being allowed to choose accordingly; the members of the team will be called to the "score" in the order designated by their respective captains, each member shooting at five single birds in succession, and then (when all teams have finished shooting at single birds) the members will, in a similar manner, finish their scores at the double birds.

**What Constitutes a Team.**—In team matches, teams of three to five must be members of the same club and in twin team matches both must be members of the same club. Any club can enter as many teams as they see fit.

**No Division of First Championship Pri-**

ze.—In all championship matches whether teams or individuals, there shall be no division of prizes or purses among the first scorers or winners of first championship prizes, money or badges, under penalty of expulsion from the Alliance.

ARTICLE VIII.

*Purses.*

**Division of Purses.**—In sweepstake matches, if the number of entries is less than twelve, the net purses shall be divided as the Scouts see fit.

**Alliance Percentage.**—In all tournaments conducted by the Alliance five per cent, shall be first deducted from all purses for the benefit of the Alliance; clubs shall deduct two per cent in club matches, should the club so elect.

**Paying for Birds.**—The price of birds shall be extra excepting in miss-and-out matches, where it shall be deducted from the entrance purse.

**Guaranteed Purse.**—Where a purse is guaranteed by the Alliance, if the entrance fees collectively exceed the guaranteed purse all such excess shall accrue to the guarantors, viz., the Alliance; if less, then the Alliance shall supply the deficiency. Purses mentioned in the programme are not guaranteed, unless especially so stated.

ARTICLE IX.

*Handicaps.*

**No Handicaps for Championships.**—In championship contests there shall be no handicap, nor

shall winners or such contests in team championships be handicapped on account of such winning.

**Permanent Handicap.**—There shall be a permanent handicap for each shooter in all other than championship matches. This handicap shall be made by the Executive Committee, who, immediately after each tournament, shall classify every participant therein, and assign to him a handicap which may range from fifteen up to, but not exceed, twenty yards for singles, and three yards less for doubles. Such handicap shall attach to such shooter thereafter (until altered in every tournament and match in which he shall engage, when he is shooting in any Alliance sweepstakes; and he must daily begin his shooting at this handicap.

**Temporary Handicap.**—In addition to the permanent handicap, there shall be a temporary daily handicap, as follows: If a shooter, having already a permanent handicap, shall become a winner in a daily shoot, he shall be handicapped because of such winning, in accordance with the following rule: All winners or dividers of first money shall be handicapped two yards; winners or dividers of second money shall be handicapped one yard; maximum handicap, 22 yards. That is to say, if by the scorer's card it appears he is a winner or divider of first money, he shall be handicapped two yards, and of second money one yard. Winners of third money are not to be handicapped for such winning. Upon presenting the scorer's card, which entitles the shooter to payment of his winnings the executive officers shall, when paying, mark upon the shooter's handicap card the temporary handicap thus made, which shall govern for the remainder of that day. Provided, however, that in no event shall the maximum of the permanent and temporary handicaps combined exceed twenty-two yards for "singles" and three yards less for "doubles." If the shooter still continues to

win at his maximum handicap, the other shooters shall step in toward the traps, the same distance that the successful shooter would otherwise have been placed back.

**New Member's Handicap.**—New Members, whose shooting is unknown, shall be handicapped for the first time as indicated in Rules..and .though the Chief Executive Officer shall be authorized to change same, at any time during the tournament, after his present match.

**Non-Winners' Match Handicap.**—Winners in Sweepstake matches, which are open only to non-winners in previous programme matches shall not be handicapped on account of said winnings in future programme matches of the same tournament, but said winners shall be handicapped in all extra matches, whether shot at the main three or five traps, or at any extra traps which may be in use on the grounds.

**Extra Match Handicap.**—All matches duly announced in the programme are termed "Programme Matches." all others, "Extra Matches," whether shot at the main three or five traps, or at any other traps in use on the grounds. Winners in all "Extra Matches" shall be handicapped according to the above Rules in all subsequent extra matches only.

ARTICLE X.

*Cards.*

**Handicap Cards.**—The Secretary of the Alliance shall issue to each member a Handicap Card, which shall bear on its face the name of the shooter. the date of issue, and his permanent handicap, and blanks for temporary handicap records and payment

of annual dues. The Secretary shall keep a record of all such cards issued. In the absence of the Secretary, the Chief Executive Officer of the Alliance on the grounds of a shoot, shall issue such card to any member who has not obtained one, and make a duplicate thereof, to be forwarded to the Secretary.

If the permanent handicap is changed by the Executive Committee, the old card shall be surrendered at the time of issueing the new one.

A permanent handicap shall not be changed during a shooting contest.

When a shooter is called to the score, he shall show his handicap card to the scorer (who will mark the handicap on the score book), and also to the referee.

Shooters must provide themselves with handicap cards before going to the score.

The Scout present shall countersign all handicap cards issued by the Secretary. At the beginning of a tournament, shooters shall present their cards to the executive officer to be countersigned.

**Winner's Cards.**—At the conclusion of each match the scorer shall announce the winners, and shall fill out a card containing date, place and number of the match, name of the winner, and whether 1st, 2nd or 3rd, etc., number of entries, amount of entrance fee, percentage to be deducted, and sign it as scorer. The winner shall present it to the Scouts, who after adding temporary handicap to his record card, shall thereupon pay the amount stated, and make a record of it in its minute book. Any complaint as to the amount stated must be made before receiving payment. These cards

must subsequently be transmitted by the Executive Officer to the Secretary.

ARTICLE XI.

*Prohibitions and Fines.*

**Prohibitions.**—None but members shall shoot in any contest unless otherwise announced in the special rules by the scouts.

**Wire Cartridge Prohibited.**—Wire cartridges and concentrators are, on the ground of safety, strictly prohibited; also the admixture of dust, grease, oil, or any other substances with the shot.

**Muzzle Loaders Prohibited.**—On the ground of safety, and for the general convenience of the shooters, muzzle-loaders are prohibited.

**Fines.**—A fine of one dollar, to be added to the purses, shall be rigidly exacted for any of the following acts of negligence:

Pointing a gun at any one under any circumstances;

Firing off a gun, except when the shooter has been called to shoot, and is at the score;

Closing a gun with a cartridge in, before arriving at the score, or pointing it towards any person when in the act of closing it;

Quitting the score without extracting a loaded cartridge;

Having a loaded gun anywhere on the ground, except when at the score;

**Fines for Boisterous Wrangling.**—Should any contestant attempt to take any undue advantage of a shooter when at the score, in order to cause him to lose a bird, or should any contestant create or participate in any disturbance or load, boisterous wrangling during a shoot, he shall be fined not less than $5, or expelled from the Alliance subject to the action of the Scouts.

**Bribery.**—Any shooter convicted of an attempt to bribe, or in any manner influence the trappers, judges, scorers, referee, or pullers, shall be barred from all further contest during the tournament, and shall be expelled from the Alliance.

ARTICLE XII.

*Executive Committee.*

**Changing Sweepstakes.**—The Scouts reserve the right to add to, change, or omit any sweepstakes or matches.

**Barring Professional Shooters.**—They reserve the right to bar out, upon the request of any two amateur shooters in the match, any publicly known professional shooter and also any shooter who is well known to them to be ungentlemanly or disputations.

**Recognize No Bets.**—They will not recognize bets, nor decide any matters arising from them. Neither shall judges or referees do so.

**Changing Rules.**—Rules announced to govern a tournament shall not be changed within thirty days

of the date of the tournament; but while a tournament is progressing, rules may be made to govern future tournaments.

Duties of Scouts.—All entrance moneys shall be held by the Scouts representing the Alliance on the grounds. He shall divide the purses, retaining the percentages. He shall mark with ink on the handicap card of the winners the date and the temporary handicap for the day, and shall make a record thereof in his daily minute book.

He shall take charge of the score books at night during a tournament.

He shall have authority to employ such subordinates as he may require.

He shall countersign the handicap cards. He shall have authority to change the permanent handicap cards of unknown members.

He shall sell the "Target Cards" and redeem any unused parts thereof.

ARTICLE XIII.

*Matches Per Telegraph.*

Teams or individuals may arrange matches, or the Alliance may arrange same, to be shot by each at their own respective localities, without coming together, upon complying with the following conditions, viz:

The entrance fee shall be sent by mail to the Secretary of the Alliance, to reach him before the shooting begins. If the entrance fee is not sent by mail it may be sent by telegraph one hour before the shooting be-

gins. Any person not a member, who desires to enter, may send by mail or telegraph, one hour before the shooting begins, an initiation or member's fee of $1.00, and the entrance fee beside.

All the rules heretofore stated shall apply equally to such matches. Members shall shoot at their permanent handicaps. Those who have no handicap record, shall shoot at the usual distance, 18 yards, etc. The result of each score must be telegraphed as the same is made, to the Secretary of the Alliance. The scores must also be mailed to him the same day, and the accuracy certified to by the President and Secretary of the local club, or by two disinterested and responsible witnesses who saw the shooting, and who are members of the Alliance.

Ties shall be shot off, under these rules, within the twentieth week-day thereafter.

The Scouts of the Alliance will duly announce the result, and decide upon any controverted points. The committee shall have full power to make inquiry as to accuracy of the scores as reported, and to award the money according as the facts may appear.

*Memo, referred to on page 16.*

Every member of the Alliance must register with the Secretary of the Alliance the name of the club to which he belongs (one club only), and in the Team Matches held under the auspices of the Alliance, the record of membership kept by the Secretary, shall determine any dispute as to the membership of any contestant in such matches.

# RULES FOR
# SQUAD SHOOTING.

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RULE VI-

*Traps.*

All matches shall be shot from either 3 or 5 traps. Shooting from 3 traps, four shooters shall step to the score, one facing each trap, according to his number. No. 4 to step to No. 1 score after No. 1 shoots, No. 1 to step to No. 2 score after No. 2 shoots, etc., until all have shot when No. 3 steps behind No. 1 score and the rotation continues. Starting at No. 1, shooting shall continue in rotation down the line. Shooters shall load guns while walking from trap to trap, so that shooting will be continuous; a shooter must never shoot until the shooter to the left has shot. Anyone shooting out of turn must shoot at another bird. In using five traps the rotation is the same, having five shooters face the traps and the sixth shooter to stand behind No. 1.

RULE VII.

The traps must be well screened; there must be a number put on each screen opposite each trap and the shooter must stand opposite the number.

## RULE IX.

### *Pulling Traps.*

The trap puller shall stand at least six feet behind the shooter, and when the shooter calls "pull," the trap or traps shall be instantly sprung ; in single bird shooting he should pull the traps consecutively, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. He shall pull regularly for all shooters. If the bird is sprung before, or at any noticeable interval after the shooter calls "pull," he can accept the birdor not; but if he shoots the result shall be scored.

# RULES FOR

# LIVE BIRD SHOOTING.

*Preliminary.*

1.—Before a match commence a Referee, a Scorer, and necessary Trappers and Pullers shall be appointed by a majority of the members of the Committee present; but any shooter may appoint a puller for himself at any time.

2.—The decision of the referee shall be final.

3.—(*a*) For pigeon shooting H. & T. ground traps shall be used, placed five yards apart.

(*b*) For sparrows five ground traps shall be used, numbered from the right, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and placed two yards apart.

(*c*) For bat shooting the bats shall be placed in a barrel and be thrown into the air by a handler. The traps shall be placed in such a position as the majority of the committee present deem most advantageous.

4.—(*a*) For pigeon shooting the standard distance shall be twenty-six yards for guns of number ten guage, and half a yard less for each number of guage less than ten; but no distance shall be less than twenty-one yards.

(*b*) For sparrow shooting the standard distance

shall be twenty-one yards, and no gun larger than ten guage shall be used.

(*c*) For bat shooting the standard distance shall be eighteen yards, and no gun larger than ten guage shall be used.

5.—No one shall use a larger gun than No. Ten Guage, nor over an ounce and a quarter of shot as measured in a Dixon's Standard No. 1106 or No. 1107 measure struck off in any change. Any one using a larger charge shall be disqualified from shooting in the match, and shall forfeit all rights therein.

6.—Each shooter must, if his load is challenged by any one shooting in the match, submit his gun and cartridges to be examined by the referee. If the charges are found correct, the challenger shall forfeit fifty cents to the shooter.

7.—(*a*) For pigeon shooting a pigeon shall be put in each trap before the "toss," and the Referee shall decide by toss which trap shall be pulled first. Both birds shall be liberated before the traps are refilled.

(*b*) For sparrow shooting the traps shall all be filled with lively birds, and number one trap pulled first, then 2, 3, 4, 5 consecutively.

(*c*) For shooting bats the handler shall take the bat carefully into his hand, and at the word "throw" shall toss it at least ten feet up into the air.

8.—None but members of the Alliance shall be allowed to shot at the tournaments.

9.—No one is allowed to enter a match after the

second round is ended ; and no one can make more than one entry.

10. —Shooters shall draw lots to determine the order in which they shoot.

11.—Each shooter shall come to the foot mark on his name being called by the scorer, but in case of an accident or other sufficient ground in the opinion of the Referee, time be allowed, but not to exceed five minutes.

12.—The shooter shall not load his gun until he comes to the score, and shall remove any unfired load before he quits it. Capping a muzzle-loader to be considered loading. Any member infringing this rule shall be disqualified and forfeit all rights in the match.

13.—Any one having a loaded gun. or firing off a gun, within one hundred yards of the traps, except when at his place at the score for the purpose of shooting, shall be absolutely disqualified from shooting in the match, and from winning any prize or stakes therein.

*Shooting.*

14.—(*a*). For Pigeons the shooter may use both barrels of his gun, but if both barrels are discharged simultaneously the bird shall be declared "lost."

(*b*) For Sparrow and Bat shooting only one barrel shall be used.

15.—After the shooter comes to the score, if he levels his gun or raises the heel of the gun-stock above his arm-pit before the bird is on the wing, the bird shall be declared "lost." The intention of this rule

being for the continued purpose of preventing shooters sighting their gun at the score.

16.—The shooter's feet shall be behind the foot-mark till after he has shot or the bird shall be declared "lost."

17.—When the shooter is ready he should give the caution "are you ready?" to the puller, and then call "pull."

18.—Should the trap be pulled without an order from the shooter, he may take the bird or not, but if he fires, the bird must be deemed to de taken.

19.—If, in the opinion of the Referee, the shooter is baulked by any one, whether by accident or otherwise, he may be allowed another bird.

20.—If the bird leaves the trap, and in the opinion of the Refefee is shot on the ground with the first barrel, the shooter shall have another bird.

21.—If more than one bird is liberated, the shooter may call "no bird" and claim another, but if he shoots he must abide by the result.

22.—If the shooter orders the trap to be pulled and does not shoot, or his gun is not properly loaded, cocked and ready to be fired, and the bird gets away, it shall be scored "lost."

23.—If a miss-fire occurs with the first barrel the shooter need not use the second, but may claim another bird, but if he uses the second he must abide by the result.

24.—If a miss-fire occurs with the second barrel

the shooter may have another bird, but he must fire his first barrel with a regular charge of powder and no shot, from his shoulder, at the bird after it is on the wing, before firing the second barrel.

25—If, after the trap is pulled, the bird does not rise within one minute, or goes three yards from the trap, or rises and lights again within five yards from the trap, the Referee shall declare it "no bird;" but if a bird rises and flies five yards it shall be considered a fair bird and must be taken.

26.—A bird may be shot on the ground with the second barrel if it has been fired with the first while on the wing.

27.—If the shooter has left the foot-mark he may not return to use the second barrel.

28.—If any person, dog or other animal should be in the way so that it will be dangerous to shoot at the bird, the Referee shall give the shooter another; but no shot can be fired at a bird after it has passed the line of the foot-mark.

*Boundary.*

29.—(*a*) The boundary on pigeons shall be one hundred yards from a point half way between the traps, excepting in expert matches, where the boundary shall be reduced to twenty-five yards.

(*b*) The boundary on sparrows and bats shall be fifty yards.

*Gathering.*

30.—If a bird falls apparently shot so that it may

be gathered, it shall be scored "dead" unless challenged at once by some one shooting in the match.

31.—The bird must be gathered within the boundary if challenged by any one shooting in the match, and within three minutes from the time of the challenge.

32.—The shooter may gather his own bird or appoint some other person or a dog to do so.

33.—The gatherer (if not a dog) shall go direct from the foot-mark to the bird, take it with his hands, without assistance, and without injury, and hand it to the Referee, when if it does not show one or more shot marks it shall be scored "lost."

34.—A bird once it has gone behind the boundary, shall be scored "lost."

35.—If a bird lights on a boundary-fence, tree, building, or other thing six feet or more above the ground, it shall be scored "lost," unless it drops so that it can be gathered within the time limit.

36.—If a bird is shot at or in any way interfered with by any scouter or unauthorized person, or a dog or other animal, the Referee may declare it "dead" or "lost," according as he thinks it would have been if not so shot at or interfered with, or if in doubt he shall give the shooter another bird.

37.—No pulling of the feathers or otherwise maiming or injuring a bird shall be allowed.

*Ties.*

8 --Shooters making a tie shall continue to shoot

"miss and out" until one score shall have beaten the other.

*Double Bird Shooting.*

39.—The distance shall be twenty-two yards for guns of ten gauge, and a yard less for each gauge less, but in no case less than eighteen yards.

40.—If either bird is shot on the ground it shall be scored "lost."

41.—If more than two birds are liberated, the shooter may call for another pair, but if he shoots he must abide by the result.

42.—If the shooter has a miss-fire with either barrel, or kills both birds with the first barrel, he shall shoot at two more birds, and the first pair shall be "no birds."

43.—If the birds do not, within one minute after the trap is pulled, rise and fly so as to afford a fair shot at each on the wing, they shall be declared "no birds."

44.—Six minutes are allowed for gathering and only the bird or birds gathered within that time will be scored "dead."

45.—In all other respects the preceding rules shall govern.

*Snow Bird Shooting.*

46.—The rules shall be the same for Snow Bird shooting except that no larger charge than one ounce and one-eighth shall be used.